

**USEITI Public Workshop -- June 22, 2012: Supplemental Information to Address Questions Re:
examples of non-FACA federally-funded groups**

The questions and answers below are factual in nature and are intended to supplement the information provided at the USEITI Public Workshop held on Friday, June 22, 2012, and to address questions raised by stakeholder participants. This information is not intended to be comprehensive nor exhaustive, but to provide examples of groups or entities that were or are not FACA-based, but did have some kind of support from the federal government. Any errors and omissions are the sole responsibility of the Consensus Building Institute (CBI), the US EITI facilitator.

Group: The National Wind Coordinating Collaborative (NWCC)

General Description: The National Wind Coordinating Collaborative (NWCC) provides a neutral forum for a wide range of stakeholders to pursue the shared objective of developing environmentally, economically, and politically sustainable commercial markets for wind power in the United States. Created in 1994, this partnership of experts and interested parties identifies issues that affect the use of wind power. By establishing dialogue on key and current topics and catalyzing activities that build consensus among its stakeholders, the NWCC has successfully addressed critical challenges in the areas of transmission, wildlife and habitat impacts, siting, power markets, and other aspects of wind development.

The NWCC is now only working on wildlife issues, and is managed under subcontract to the American Wind Wildlife Institute. The American Wind Wildlife Institute, a 501 (c)3, brings together wind industry and conservation non-profit leaders in a shared mission: *To facilitate timely and responsible development of wind energy while protecting wildlife and wildlife habitat.* (www.awwi.org). The NWCC is now providing outreach on wind wildlife through AWWI.

Mission of the Wildlife Workgroup: to identify, define, discuss, and through broad stakeholder involvement and collaboration address wind-wildlife and wind-habitat interaction issues to promote the shared objective of developing commercial markets for wind power in the United States.

Form: Non-incorporated entity with management and facilitation from an independent facilitation organization. (was RESOLVE, Inc. and now the American Wind Wildlife Institute).

Funding Source: The NWCC has been funded primarily by the U.S. Department of Energy's Wind and Water Technologies Program under contract won through competitive bid four times since 1994. Now AWWI is providing match support for the program.

Staffing: Management and facilitation provided by the American Wind Wildlife Institute.

Activities: Research, White Papers, Data, Coordinated Clearing house, Newsletters, Webinars, Research and Policy Meetings, Publications, Work Groups

Website: <http://www.nationalwind.org/>

Governance: Has been managed by neutral facilitation; a Steering Committee made up of representative interest groups and subcommittees focused on specific issues. There are a set of ground rules guiding decision making and the work of the NWCC, all focused on supporting the mission of the NWCC – to promote sustainable development of wind power.

Group: State Review of Oil and Natural Gas Environmental Regulations (STRONGER)

General Description: The name, STRONGER, is an acronym for State Review of Oil and Natural Gas Environmental Regulations. STRONGER was formed in 1999 to reinvigorate and carry forward the state review process begun cooperatively in 1988 by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission (IOGCC). STRONGER is a non-profit, multi-stakeholder organization whose purpose is to assist states in documenting the environmental regulations associated with the exploration, development and production of crude oil and natural gas. STRONGER shares innovative techniques and environmental protection strategies and identifies opportunities for program improvement. The state review process is a non-regulatory program and relies on states to volunteer for reviews.

Mission: The mission of STRONGER is to educate and provide services for the continuous improvement of regulatory programs and industry practices in order to enhance human health and the environment.

Form: 501(c)3 with by-laws.

Funding: U.S. EPA and the U.S. Department of Energy have provided grant funding to STRONGER to support its activities. The American Petroleum Institute has also provided no-strings attached funding to support the state review process.

Staffing: Administrative staff provided by Ground Water Protection Council (GWCP) and consultants

Activities: Program reviews, development of new guidelines and updates of existing ones

Website: <http://www.strongerinc.org>

Governance: A Board of Directors comprised of stakeholders representing states, industry and public interest groups. Board Chairmanship rotates among the stakeholder groups. EPA and DOE participate on the Board of Directors as non-voting, non-managerial members